Digital Media Developers Group December 5, 2002 Meeting Notes

Presentation: Kirk Keller, MDC

Kirk recently participated in a conference of the Federal XML Working Group. The group is beginning to develop a couple of schemas, and Missouri will be one of the first states to participate. The working group operates as part of the Government Without Boundaries (GWoB) project. Kirk talked about the ways XML could be used to implement such things as a statewide (or nationwide) calendar of events for governmental agencies.

ITAB report (Nov 20, 2002):

Kay Dinolfo, DOR

A representative from NSR spoke to ITAB about project oversight, which is available to all agencies through a state contract.

ITAB approved an INFOCON document, modeled after the National Guard's. INFOCON would allow the designation of the level of threat to IT systems (as contrasted with threat to physical systems). Agencies will be contacted to begin implementing procedures for INFOCON.

The IT object codes discussed previously will move ahead with implementation.

The MoVAP was approved. This is a mechanism to help agencies evaluate and understand the full cost of projects. Pilot projects will be sought.

Rex Peterson, DHSS, will be the new ITAB chairman. Jim Weber, DOR, was elected vice chairman.

A document outlining the new mo.gov domain and naming standards was distributed. The state home page will go to the new domain name by the end of the calendar year.

Gerry W. discussed the objective of having standard e-mail interface and e-mail addressing statewide. The Governor's Cabinet will hear a report on this.

DOT-GOV DOMAIN & E-MAIL presentation: Jan Grecian, OIT

Jan handed out the mo.gov document. Originally, the aim was to have all state agencies "phase out" the state.mo.us URLs and go exclusively to mo.gov. However, OIT has realized that we will probably have to stay with a dual URLs "forever." Agencies will be asked to pick a third-level domain designation for themselves (i.e., MDC for Conservation, or CBHE for Higher Ed, etc.), and this listing should be finalized in mid-January. Conversion to the new URLs is expected to start as soon as this is finalized, and new URLs should follow the new standard.

Jan also reported that certain dot-us domain names had been reserved by OIT to prevent their being registered by non-governmental entities when the dot-us domains go on the market at the end of January.

On the topic of changing e-mail addressing, Jan acknowledged that this is a long-term project. She said that IT directors are now being polled as to the type of e-mail system they use, and also for suggested participants in an e-mail working group. Several of the plusses and minuses were discussed. It was mentioned that there had been a prior working group on e-mail, long disbanded, that could be reconstituted.

Open Discussion

Debbie Boeckman asked for pointers for dealing with the ht//dig search results, which now display in a state portal "wrapper," rather than a more neutral background.

submitted by Kay Dinolfo